

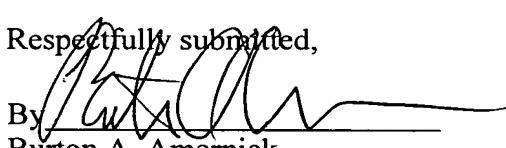
REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited. Claims 17-29 are pending. Claims 1-16 are canceled. Claims 19-27 are amended. No new matter has been added. Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional application directed to the canceled claims at a later date, if so desired.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21910-00016-US2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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